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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Acting Chief, Operations Group  
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## I. GENERAL

In a heavily advertised and dramatic speech on 31 July King Husayn announced that Jordan was relinquishing the kingdom's 38-year old claim to the West Bank because of the need for Arab unity and the wishes of the Palestine Liberation Organization. This major shift in policy followed a 28 July release of a statement by the Council of Ministers that Jordan was terminating the Jordanian Development Plan for the occupied territories. The king's speech was clearly aimed at an Arab audience, burned few bridges for all its drama and positioned the king favorably for any subsequent political developments, and presented the PLO with an unavoidable challenge and opportunity. The bureau's alerts and texts of the statement and speech were read eagerly by embassy officers, including the ambassador and DCM, as they rolled out of the printer in the Political Section.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau placed Iraqi radios on open speaker watch on 3 July following receipt of IRNA items charging that the U.S. Navy had downed an Iran Air airliner in the Persian Gulf. Media of other countries in the bureau's coverage area generally held that the Iran-Iraq war was directly responsible for the tragedy and called for a speedy end to the war.

2. Iraqi radios were again placed on open speaker watch on 18 July following the receipt of another IRNA item stating that Iran had accepted UN Resolution 598 on ending the Iran-Iraq war. Iraq expressed skepticism over Iran's intentions and insisted that the resolution be implemented fully.

### B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of the Near East desk of the Department of State, later confirmed by the Wire, the bureau filed King Husayn's 31 July speech to Geneva for the attention of traveling Assistant Secretary Richard Murphy.

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2. On the request of Donald V. Jones, the new FAA area representative stationed in Amman, the bureau has begun sending him copies of all incoming and outgoing items concerning aviation. He has expressed his appreciation of this service, terming the information "very useful."

### C. Technical

The bureau received two Victor PC/XT's designated to serve as Transmit workstations in the Communications Section. The new equipment is part of the communications upgrade to ASCII from BAUDOT and to eliminate tape.

## III. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Personnel

1. Bureau communications operator [ ] and his wife became proud parents of a baby girl on 23 July. Although notified late in the evening of the impending development, rather earlier than expected, the steadfast Michel completed his shift. Which was just as well, since communications chief [ ] had taken leave early in the shift to take his brother to a hospital and then had to attend to his young daughter who had fallen and broken an arm in a domestic accident.

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Monitor [ ] and wife also had an infant daughter added to their family in the course of the month.

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2. The bureau began a search for a new teletypist. Initial response was less than overwhelming. Even though Jordan now has a large number of unemployed in the country, it seems that most of those with the requisite skills are already employed at higher salaries than we can offer. However, by the end of the month, we had identified two promising candidates.

} Nancy  
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3. FAA Representative Donald V. Jones requested the Embassy's Inter-Agency Housing Board to permit FBIS to represent FAA on Housing Board matters.

## IV. VISITS

To the Bureau: A Department of State inspection team headed by Richard Moon and accompanied by DCM Patrick Theros toured the bureau on 20 July.

Terry Knox and Fred Kopp, LEC contractors, arrived 30 and 31 July respectively in connection with the bureau communications upgrade and to train local personnel in using the new equipment and procedures.

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| From the Bureau: [ ] associate editor, on leave          | STAT |
| to the UK 29 June-27 July.                               |      |
| Bureau Chief [ ], to the States 15-23 July on EVT        | STAT |
| for the death and funeral of his mother.                 |      |
| Senior Editor [ ] and family, to Paris and               | STAT |
| CONUS 31 July for R&R.                                   |      |
| Administrative assistant [ ], to CONUS,                  | STAT |
| Hawaii, and the Far East on Home Leave 6 July-27 August. |      |

#### V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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| [ ] organized a group of musically inclined                      | STAT |
| members of the official community to perform extensively at the  |      |
| official 4th of July celebrations held at the American Community |      |
| School grounds on 1 July. Over 700 official and local Americans  |      |
| attended the festivities.  |      |

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| Bureau Chief [ ] and his wife Claudia, director of                 | STAT |
| public relations at USAID, attended the 4th of July reception held |      |
| by the ambassador at the Residency. Over 1,200 VIP guests were     |      |
| invited. Prince Faysal was the ranking member of the royal family  |      |
| to attend.   |      |

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